GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:32
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ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MATCH
RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tickets and complimentary passes of one day International cricket match held in New Delhi were sold in black as reported in `The Times of India` dated January 30, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check this menace in future;

(e) whether any complimentary passes were issued to MPs/Minister and other VIPs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): As per information received from the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA), no complaints have been receivedby DDCA as regards sale of tickets or complimentary passes of One Day International match in black. Out of the tickets put up for sale, hundreds have been returned unsold from the branches of Canara Bank. Since the tickets were freely available at the Canara Bank branches, it is stated to be unlikely that tickets may have been sold in the black market.

(c) & (d): The sale of tickets or issue of complimentary passes for any cricket match is entirely within the purview of BCCI or its affiliated organizing unit and the Government has no role to play in this regard.

(e) & (f): As per information received from DDCA, the complimentary passes were issued under statutory obligations to about 4000 DDCA members & members of the BCCI. These passes were also issued to various sponsors, former and current test players, former and current Ranji players, players of U-14, U-16, U-19 and U-22 teams of DDCA, League Clubs, international and Ranji Trophy panel umpires, League umpires, Press and electronic media, Match referees & umpires, High Commissioners of test playing countries, various Government Departments of Central and State Government, members of the Match Organizing Committee, Executive Committee including three Government Nominees, Sports Committee and various Sub-Committees of DDCA. Apart from this several requests were received by the members of Organizing Committees from various persons for passes and the same were given to them subject to availability.